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REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 897; B) EC BRUSSELS 809;
C) MOSCOW 1370

1. ACCORDING TO A UK PERMDEL OFFICER, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN LONDON INFORMED THE UK FOREIGN OFFICE OF JANUARY 31 THAT THE USSR IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A POSSIBLE FISHERY AGREEMENT "WITH BRITAIN REPRESENTING THE COUNTRIES MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." THERE WAS NO OTHER RECOGNITION OF THE EC IN THE SOVIET REPLY.

2. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET STATEMENT ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE EC PERMANENT DELEGATIONS IN BRUSSELS
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IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN EARLY RESPONSE. THE GENERAL REACTION AMONG THE PERMREPS IS THAT A MAJOR CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE EC IS INVOLVED. WHILE STRESSING THAT IT IS TOO EARLY FOR ANY INDICATION OF WHAT LINE THE COMMUNITY WILL TAKE, OUR BRITISH SOURCE SAID THAT IF THE EC AGREED TO NEGOTIATIONS

BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE UK AS THE PRESIDENCY
COUNTRY, IT WOULD PROBABLY INSIST ON THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE COMMISSION. THE SOVIET REPLY MAKES NO MENTION
OF THE LICENSING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS IN THE BRITISH
NOTE DELIVERED TO THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 28 (REF A), AND THE
BRITISH WILL REMIND THE USSR OF THE NEED TO REQUEST
LICENSES IF FISHING IS TO CONTINUE BEYOND FEB. 7,
REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS
ON A FISHERY AGREEMENT. HINTON

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